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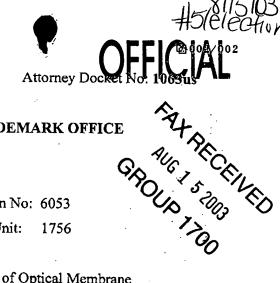
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003 (Paper No. 4), Applicants hereby make the following election:

Applicants elect the invention of Claims 1-7 for examination (Invention I).

Applicants believe that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

It is believed that no fee is due with this response. If any fee is due with this response, Applicants hereby authorize payment of such fee from Deposit Account No. 501547.

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